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"STALIN" FERTILIZER PLANTS NEAR COMPLETION;
TIRE PRODUCTION TO EXPAND

MACHINERY TO BE INSTALLED -- Sofia, Izgrev, 10 Apr 51

Dimitrovgrad, 9 April -- Plant No 110 of the "Stalin" Nitrogen Fertilizer Factory will be completed in 2 months, and the machinery will be installed at that time. The machinery for Plant No 132 will be installed in one month, while Plant No 500 will begin operation in 3 months.

Workers of the factory have pledged to have all the plants ready for the installation of machinery during the second quarter of 1951.

ENLARGE TIRE FACTORY -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 27 Jan 51

The nationalized Haim Bakic Tire Factory in Sofia has been enlarged. By 1953 the plant's production is scheduled to be adequate to meet the total domestic demand for tires. This would bring the production level to eight times that of 1948.

Rubber is supplied by the USSR.

WASTE NOT EXPLOITED SUFFICIENTLY -- Sofia, Izgrev, 8 Apr 51

Some departments of the "Georgi Dimitrov" State Rubber Factory are letting rubber waste products, which could be exploited advantageously, go to waste. Because of late deliveries of crude rubber, the factory was not operating for 10 days at the end of February and at the beginning of March 1951.

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